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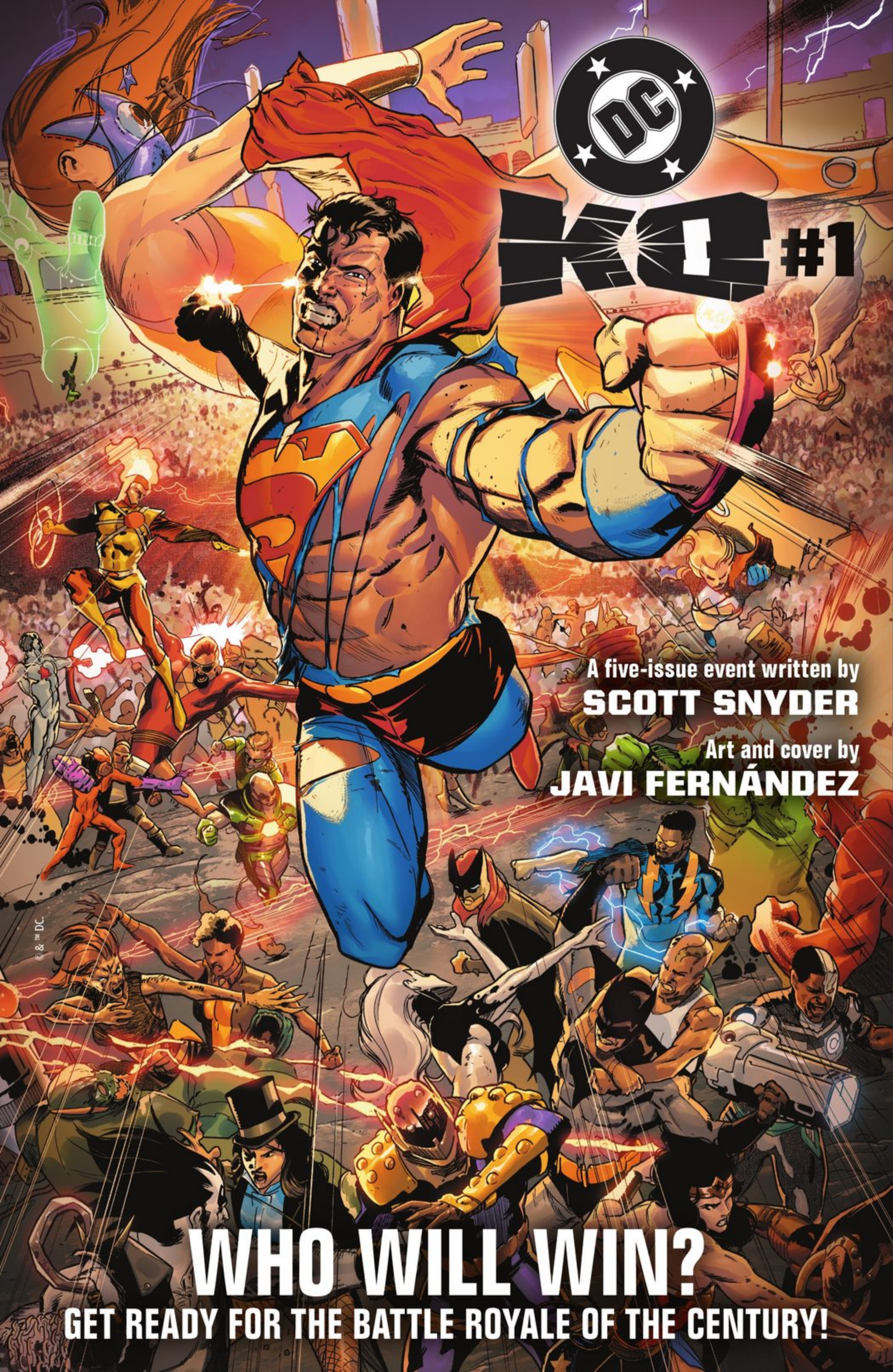
NIGHTWING



MASTER
OF PUPPETS

WATTERS
SOY
GANDINI

ALL IN



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**DON'T MISS THE OPENING
ROUNDS THIS OCTOBER**



JUSTICE LEAGUE: THE OMEGA ACT SPECIAL



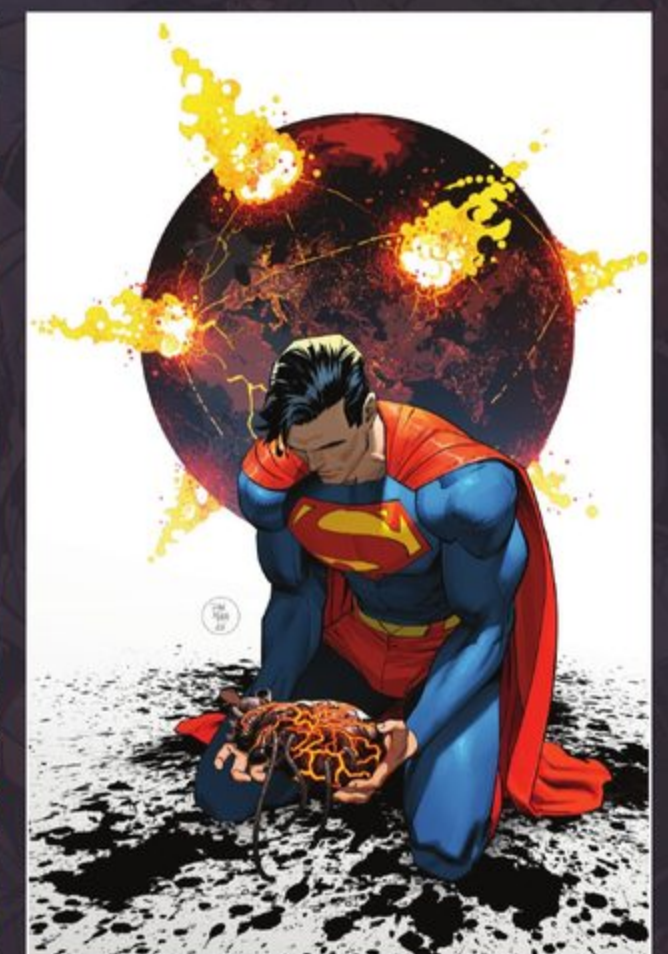
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THE ACTION INTENSIFIES IN NOVEMBER AND BEYOND!



ANOTHER WANDERER
ROBOT BACK FOR
REPAIR?

WHAT
EXACTLY
HAPPENED
HERE?!

NIGHTWING
GOT INTO A TUSSELE WITH
THE COPS, MS. PEARCE.
APPARENTLY HE'S WORKING
WITH SOMEONE NEW.



SOMEONE CAPABLE OF
CRUSHING A *WANDERER*
ROBOT WITH THEIR
BARE HANDS.

SOME OF THE
OFFICERS THINK
SUPERMAN IS
IN TOWN.



no. not
superman.

BUT
CLOSE.



CLOSE ENOUGH,
I THINK, SWEET
OLIVIA.



NIGHTWING-PRIME.

ARE YOU IN POSITION?

AFFIRMATIVE, ORACLE.

IN POSITION, MA'AM.

READY TO GO.

WAITING ON YOUR SIGNAL.

YOU CAN JUST SAY YES.



SORRY. I'M JUST KINDA NERVOUS.

I CAN'T BELIEVE I'M HELPING BRING DOWN A REAL-LIFE SUPER-VILLAIN!



WELL, SURE. REMEMBER, YOU'RE JUST HERE TO **OBSERVE** THIS TIME.

FOLLOW NIGHTWING'S LEAD...



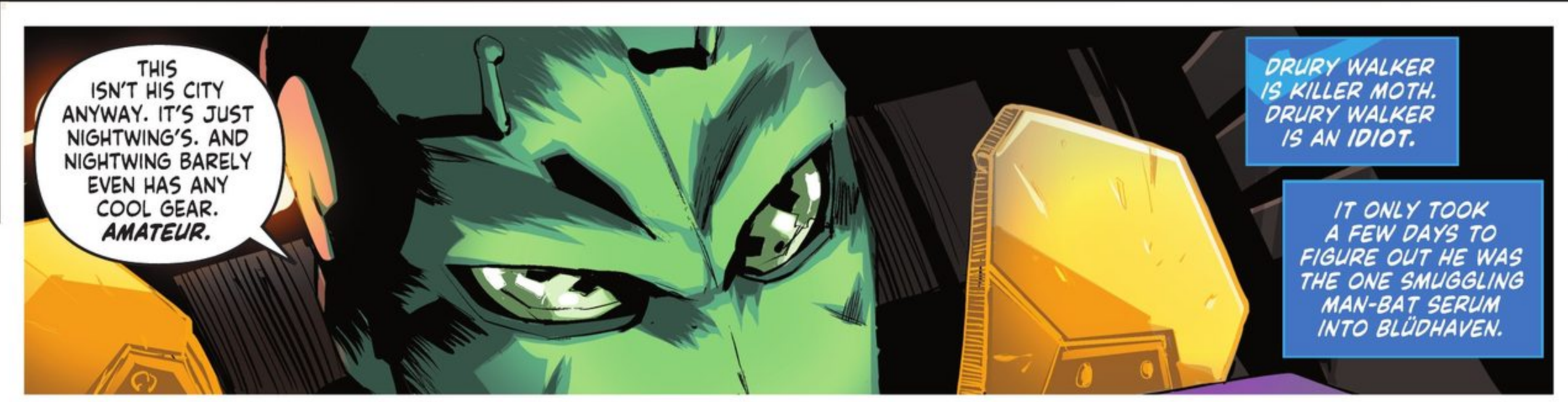
"...HERE COMES
KILLER MOTH."

MOTHMARINE...



...I'M IN A \$&@?!/#
MOTHMARINE.

I BET
BATMAN DOESN'T EVEN
HAVE A BATMARINE,
DOES HE?



THIS
ISN'T HIS CITY
ANYWAY. IT'S JUST
NIGHTWING'S. AND
NIGHTWING BARELY
EVEN HAS ANY
COOL GEAR.
AMATEUR.

DRURY WALKER
IS KILLER MOTH.
DRURY WALKER
IS AN IDIOT.

IT ONLY TOOK
A FEW DAYS TO
FIGURE OUT HE WAS
THE ONE SMUGGLING
MAN-BAT SERUM
INTO BLÜDHAVEN.



OF COURSE, IN OUR
LINE OF WORK IT'S
VERY EASY TO GET
KILLED BY AN IDIOT.



NIGHTWING!
IT MUST BE!

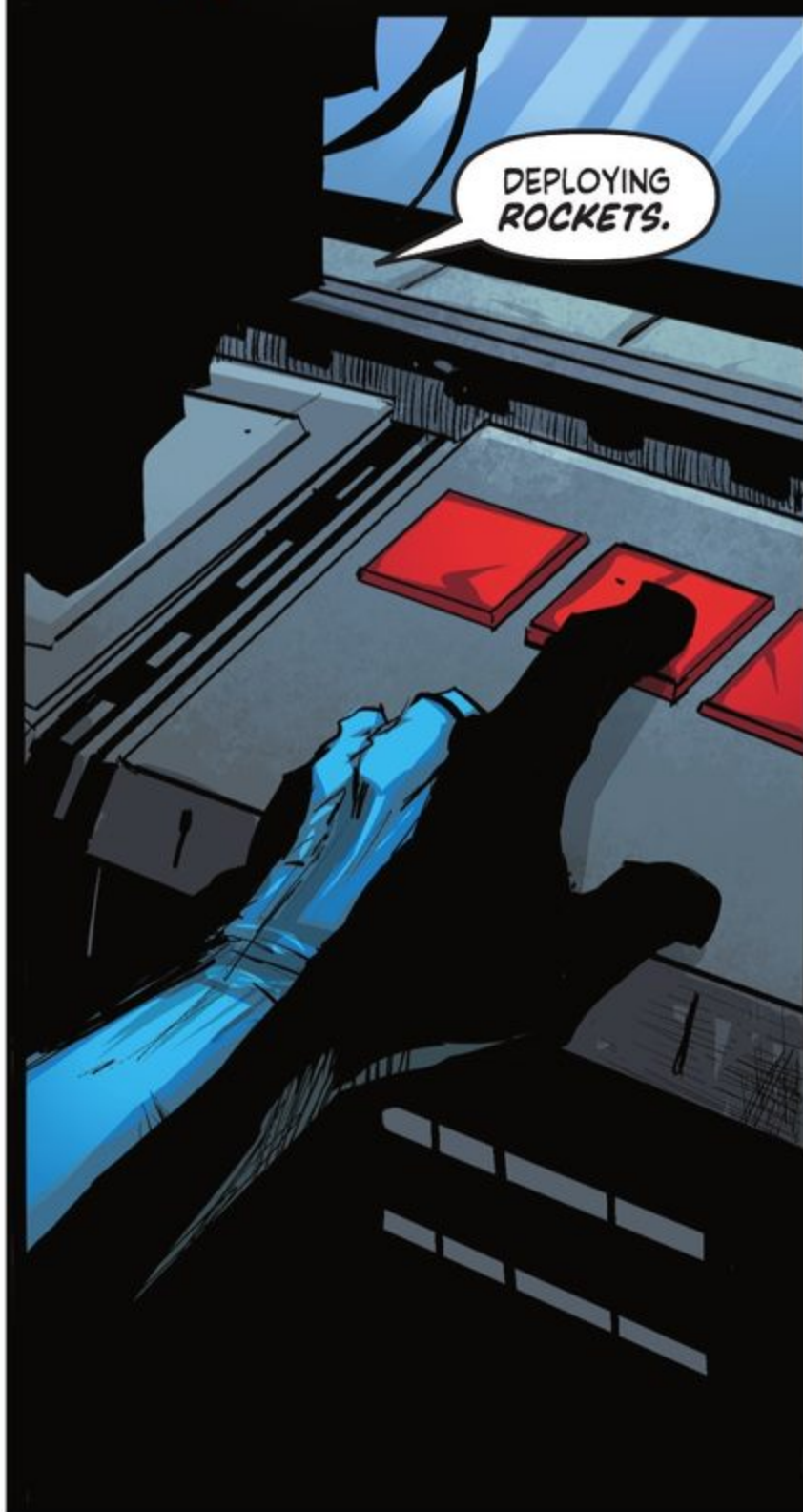


GOOD THING I
HAVE MY HOMING
MOTHROCKETS.

BATMAN DEFINITELY
DOESN'T HAVE BATROCKETS.
HE'S TOO MUCH OF A LOSER
TO USE ROCKETS.



"NIGHTWING'S EVEN
MORE OF A LOSER."





"YOU'RE NOT SUPPOSED TO HAVE ROCKETS!"



ACTUALLY, THOSE ARE VIRAL OVERRIDE CHARGES.

HELLO, DRURY. I'M IN CONTROL NOW.

HUHWUH?



LET'S SURFACE, SHALL WE?

NO!



NONO NO!



WE KNOW YOU HAVE A CHOICE OF HACKER-HIJACKERS, AND THANK YOU FOR TRAVELING WITH ORACLE.



ALL RIGHTY.

C'MON, KILLER MOTH. WE'LL FIND YOU A NICE, WARM CELL...



SHOOT. HE'S ALREADY GONE.

UM... NIGHTWING...



...I CAN SEE HIM.



WHAT DO YOU WANT ME TO DO?

MOTH-SECRET ESCAPE HATCH!

MOTH-ROWBOAT!



I'M ON IT. HE'S NOT OUR PRIORITY HERE.

KEEP THE SUBMARINE COVERED.



I HAVE SUPER-STRENGTH. I CAN JUST SCOOP HIM UP AND--

HOLD POSITION, NIGHTWING-PRIME.

WE'RE WAITING FOR HIS CUSTOMERS TO SHOW UP.



THE CLEAN-CUT CREW MIGHT BE RUNNING LOW ON THE MAN-BAT SERUM THEY'VE BEEN TRYING TO SYNTHESIZE WITH VENOM.

THEY'LL BE VERY KEEN TO GET THEIR CLAWS ON IT. ALTHOUGH THEY AREN'T VERY GOOD AT FLYING...



IT DOES MAKE US SURPRISINGLY STRONG SWIMMERS, HOWEVER.



HO BOY.



A BLÜDHAVEN STREET KID,
TRANSFORMED INTO A KRYPTONIAN
BY A FIFTH-DIMENSIONAL IMP.

HE'S STILL COMING TO GRIPS
WITH HIS POWERS, BUT ALL
THINGS CONSIDERED...

...HE'S
DOING A
GREAT
JOB.



MOTH-
REMOTE-CONTROLLED
MOTH-DRONE!

HE'S
GETTING
AWAY!

SO WHAT? I'M
BULLETPROOF.
LET THE COPS
TRY AND STOP
ME.

WEEEOOOOOOOOOO

NO.
SIRENS.

TIME
TO GO.

THAT'S ENOUGH
FOR TONIGHT. TIME
TO GO, BRYCE...



NOW.

WE KEPT THE CLEAN-CUTTERS FROM GETTING THEIR CLAWS ON THE SERUM, AND WERE IN AND OUT BEFORE THE COPS SHOWED UP AND GOT TRIGGER-HAPPY.

THAT'S A SUCCESS.

BUT KILLER MOTH GOT AWAY. HE STILL MIGHT BE SOMEWHERE IN THE CITY. I REALLY WANTED TO GET THE BAD GUY IN OUR FIRST TEAM-UP, YOU KNOW?

SURE, KID. BUT FEW PLANS SURVIVE CONTACT WITH THE ENEMY.

WE SHOULD GO BACK OUT AND GET HIM, SHOULDN'T WE?

HE'LL HAVE GONE TO GROUND. DON'T WORRY, WE'LL FIND HIM.

AS FOR RIGHT NOW, YOU KNOW WHAT TIME IT IS...

NAH, C'MON.

Forensic Pathology and Toxicology: An Introduction

TRUST ME, I KNOW HOW YOU FEEL. BUT THANK YOUR LUCKY STARS. BATMAN USED TO MAKE ME STUDY IN *LATIN*.

I'LL BE BACK IN A BIT...

I'VE GOT SOMEWHERE I NEED TO BE.



COMMISSIONER
SAWYER...



IT'S GOOD
TO SEE YOU.
HOW IS--

NIGHTWING.



MISSING
CHILDREN.



DETAILS.



THEY AREN'T
IN THE SYSTEM YET,
BUT WE'RE LOOKING AT
FIVE REPORTS SINCE LAST
NIGHT. THREE INDIVIDUAL
CHILDREN, AND A PAIR
OF SIBLINGS.

ALL UNDER
THE AGE OF
TWELVE.

NO SIGNS
OF STRUGGLE OR
FOUL PLAY.

THEY ALL CREPT
OUT IN THE MIDDLE OF
THE NIGHT AND *VANISHED*
INTO THIN AIR.

THEY COULDN'T BE HIDING SOMEWHERE? A *GAME*
OR A PLAN TO RUN AWAY TOGETHER?

THEY'RE FROM DIFFERENT
SCHOOL DISTRICTS. AS FAR AS WE CAN
TELL, NO CONNECTION BETWEEN THE
CHILDREN OR THEIR FAMILIES.

AND THERE'S
SOMETHING ELSE. IT
DISTURBED THE PARENTS
ENOUGH THAT THEY ALL
BROUGHT IT UP.





THEY WERE ALL **DRAWING** THE SAME THING IN THE WEEKS BEFORE THEY VANISHED.

CIRQUE DU SIN.

THAT'S--



OLIVIA PEARCE'S SUPERCRIMINAL GANG BEFORE SHE REINVENTED HERSELF AS THE CEO OF SPHERIC SOLUTIONS. BUT MAYBE ALSO SOMETHING MORE.

SO YOU BELIEVE ME ABOUT THAT NOW.

I'VE MADE MY OWN INQUIRIES.*

*SEE THE NIGHTWING 2025 ANNUAL FOR WHAT COMMISSIONER SAWYER UNCOVERED ABOUT THE ZANNI AND OLIVIA PEARCE. --JB

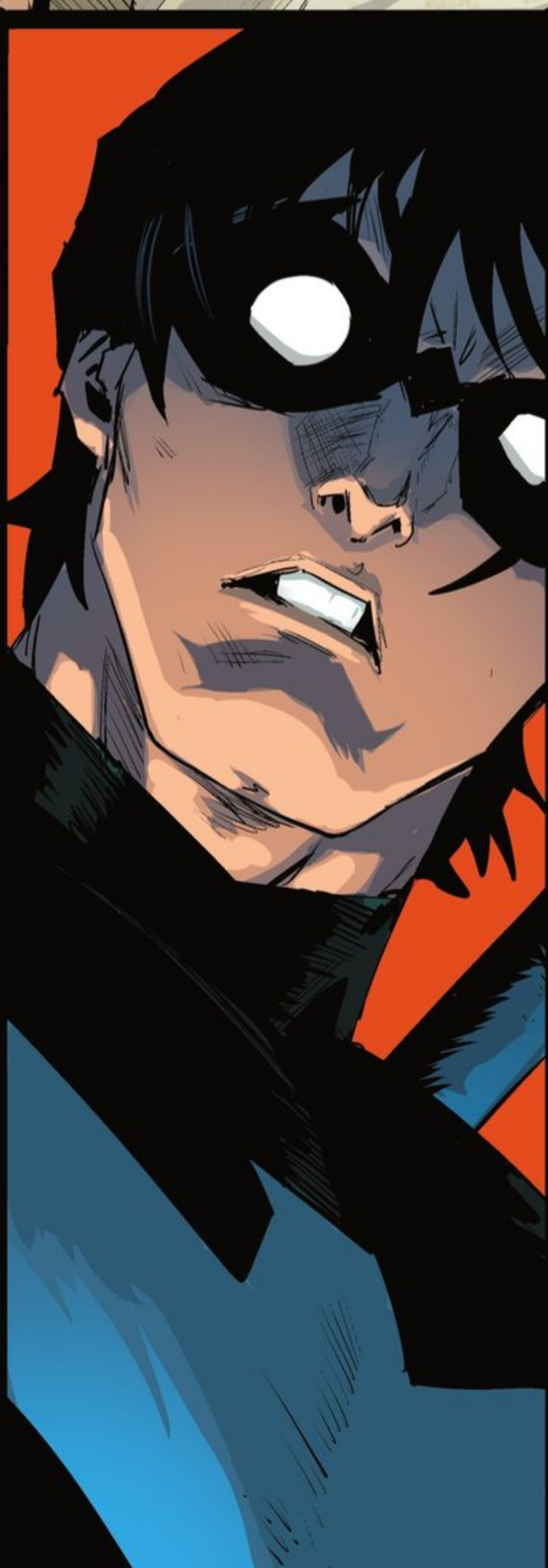
YOU SHOULD HAVE SAID SOMETHING.



I'M WORKING UP A CASE TO TAKE HER DOWN PROPERLY. FOR GOOD. **WITHOUT** KUNG FU OR GRAPPLING HOOKS.

BUT **THIS...**





WHAT *IS* IT, NIGHTWING?

THE ZANNI.

I'VE GLIMPSED HIM A FEW TIMES. OUT OF THE CORNER OF MY EYE. OR IN NIGHTMARES. I DIDN'T THINK HE WAS *REAL*.

BUT NOW I'M GONNA FIND HIM.

AS FAR AS I'M CONCERNED, *THIS* IS NOW YOUR JURISDICTION IN MY CITY, YOU UNDERSTAND?

YOU LEAVE PEARCE TO ME...



"...AND WE'LL
DO THINGS THE
RIGHT WAY."

BORED.

BORED,
BORED, BORED,
BORED.

I COULD
BE EXPLORING THE
BOTTOM OF THE OCEAN
RIGHT NOW.

OR OUTER
SPACE.



WHEN AM I EVER GOING
TO NEED TO KNOW ABOUT
DECOMPOSITION AND
SOIL ACIDITY?

THAT'S
GROSS.



WAIT,
NIGHT-HARE...
DID YOU HEAR
SOMETHING?



I'M...JUST
GONNA TAKE
A BREAK.

JUST
FOR A FEW
MINUTES.



GUNSHOTS.



NIGHTWING,
PRIORITIZE--

KILLER
MOTH IS STILL IN
BLÜDHAVEN.



THE COPS
CAN DEAL WITH
KILLER MOTH.

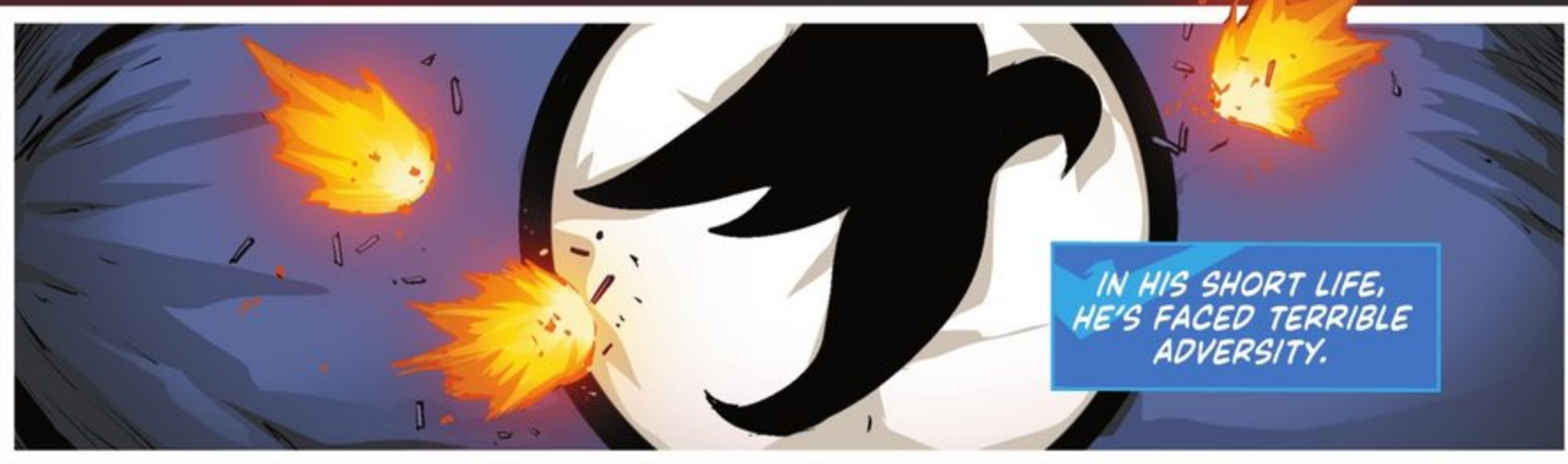
IT'S NOT
THE COPS
I'M WORRIED
ABOUT.



IT'S WHO
ELSE WILL HAVE
HEARD THOSE
GUNSHOTS.







IN HIS SHORT LIFE,
HE'S FACED TERRIBLE
ADVERSITY.



LOSS. FEAR.
POVERTY.

YET STILL, WHEN
GIVEN IMMENSE
POWER, HE'S DONE
HIS VERY BEST TO
HELP OTHERS.



THIS DOESN'T MEAN I BELIEVE
FOR A SECOND HE'LL HAVE
OBEYED ME AND STAYED INSIDE
TO STUDY WHEN THERE'S
SOMETHING MORE EXCITING
HAPPENING OUTSIDE.

I USED TO PULL THE
EXACT SAME KIND OF
STUNT AT HIS AGE.



METAHUMAN ACTIVITY
OBSERVED! REQUESTING
BACKUP!

NOT
TO WORRY,
OFFICER...



"WE ALREADY HAVE A
WANDERER IN THE AREA."



BETWEEN BRYCE'S YOUTH
AND THE POWER HE'S BEEN
GIVEN AS NIGHTWING-PRIME,
HE THINKS HE'S INVINCIBLE.

HOW COULD
HE NOT? I
REMEMBER
FEELING THAT
WAY, AND I
DIDN'T HAVE A
FRACTION OF
HIS STRENGTH.



BUT STILL, I KNEW TO
GET OUT OF THE WAY
WHEN I WAS FIRED ON.

HE DOESN'T THINK
HE HAS TO.

BUT RECENTLY, SUPERMAN
PUNCHED A METEOR IN EARTH'S
ATMOSPHERE THAT TURNED OUT
TO BE MADE OF KRYPTONITE.*

THIS MEANS KRYPTONITE
ISN'T AS RARE A RESOURCE
AS IT USED TO BE.



TARGET
LOCKED



THOSE WITH
KRYPTONIAN
POWERS AREN'T
INVULNERABLE
THE WAY THEY
ONCE WERE.



*SEE SUPERMAN
UNLIMITED #1! --JB



CIRQUE DU SIN

Part 2: CIRCUS MUSIC



SOUNDS
LIKE CIRCUS
MUSIC...

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Next: HEAD-TO-HEAD CONFRONTATION!

BATMAN VS. THE BAT-FAMILY!

BATMAN

HUSH

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CHAPTER FIVE

DEAD OR ALIVE

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ALL IN

NOVEMBER



**DON'T MISS A SINGLE ROUND OF
DC'S KNOCK-DOWN, DRAG-OUT,
FIGHT OF THE CENTURY!**

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**DC K.O. EXPLODES IN DECEMBER WITH
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